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THE VERSATILE DEMOCRACY. The Henry Bulletin in two senences, neither of which could hardly be described as brief, throws the harpeon into Richmond Democracy. and the Democratic newspapers at the capital and awaits action upon the suggestion contained in the last sen-

The javelin hurled by the Bulletin

"The Richmond Democrats and particularly the Richmond Democratic papers are still confused and disturb-ed with the problem as to whether they are local Democrats, state Democrats, national Democrats or one or national Democrats or like the News Leader an entirely independent, unshackled, unwhipt, uncontrollable and unspottable Democrat who serve the privilege of changing their status before at or after a primary vention in which they take part intaining at all times, likewise privilege of authority in advising, guid. ing and directing the policies of the party, and at the same time of abusng, disorganizing, demoralizing and side-swiping" it to their hearts content. Why don't these insurgent, siz-sling, unhitchable Richmond Democrats form a Democratic party of their own on the broad and patriotic basis nebody in the organization is expected to do what any body else wants to do, or to do the same thing twice, or to abide by any vote of the mem-bership at any time on any question—every man in fact to do just as he pleases everybody, however, to an and be recognized as good and

true Richmond Democrats.' It isn't clear just why the Richmond Democracy should have been led out as the target for the Bul-Setin's shafts. In view of recent ts in various part of the South, particularly .the course pursued by two or three Democratic representatives in Congress from Virginia and others from various sections of the South, our Henry county contemporary very appropriately might have ex ded the range of its big gan load od to the muzzle with satire and de vered a nearly State-wide, if not a intry-wide broadside.

The Daily Press respectfully submits that it isn't necessary at the present stage that the Bulletin's for-The same already is in force, either by consent or dissent of the governed and the ungovernable.

Each unit of the Democratic party even now is doing "just as he durn pleases," whether he be domiciled in Richmond or elsewhere in the nation. A majority of the party's representa tives at Washington still preserve at least an outward semblance of co erency as to organization, but in the poratic connells there always may to found a sufficient number of inies to party discipline—men of the rule or ruin type-to thwart the gred aims of the party and thus lodge reprehension and distrust in the mings of a majority of the voters of th minst the Democratic party

MORPOLK AND THE 9 O'CLOCK

R 9 c'clock gas at the navy yard my the reason why. Without particular reason or justification, or as the Dally Press is able to

escertain Admiral Taussig, the co mandant of the yard, discontinued this time-hallowed institution and by that act brought down upon his head the condemnation of perhaps 99 per cent of the people of Norfolk, Portsmouth. Berkeley and in fact all the surrounding country so far as the detonations could be heard,

In all probability when the admiral issued the order he had no idea that he was going to stir up a hornet's nest. But he soon ascertained that he had not only done violence to the sentiment of the community of 100, 000 or more people, but that he had needlessly subjected a large proportion of the population to actual inconvenience by his action.

As an instance, it appears that many people, particularly working people, were in the habit of setting unreliable and inaccurate timepieces each night by the 9 o'clock gun in order that they might be reasonably sure of getting to their work on time the next morning.

One would have expected that a high naval officer of the United States, as soon as he realized his blunder, would have had the grace Rusiners Office. Bell 'Phone No. 181 to rescind the order in compliance with the wishes of an overwhelming majority of the people surrounding his station.

> But the gallant admiral stands as a pillar of stone. He is a mighty warrior of the United States navy; why bow to the wishes of a hundred of two thousand vulgar civilians when the same clash with the pigheaded whim of a navy yard commandant?

> Admiral Taussig's name smacks of Continental Europe. So does his be

ANTI-FUTURES BILL.

A bill was introduced on Thursday in the House of Representatives to prohibit dealing in futures of agricultural products. The measure is designed to prevent a recurrence of the situation produced by the present "corner" in the wheat market at Chicago.

The trouble is, however, that the present extraordinary session of Congress can not deal with the matter, in as much as it is piedged to enact two or all three of these several in as much as it is piedged to enact kinds, parcels and varieties of Demoand census bills.

Before the reassembling next De cember, the present wheat "corner will have been broken and the public will not remember the occurrence Hence the speculative exchanges of the country, where the big gambler: ply their trade, in all probability will be able to have the Scott auti-futures bill quietly put to sleep alongside of many others which have gone before.

Just new flour and bread loave are rising in price and Broker Pat ten is having a "perfectly corking time." He is in the game for the excitement. If he be the cause of poor people going hungry, he is sorry, but he must have his fun

TAFT HAD PRECEDENTS.

In the United States Senate the other day, Mr. Bailey of Texas vig orously criticised President Taft fo announcing in advance of its passag that he would veto a certain bill.

If Mr. Balley had kept up with the Virginia gubernatorial campaign he would have known that President Taft had able precedents to guide him.

AN UNSYMPATHETIC AUDIENCE.

"I dired with Somerset Maugham at the Ritz in London," said a poet.
"Maugham, who new grinds out a mil dollar comedy

"He peeled the silver wrapping

from a great black eight. "'My German tragedies,' he said. had few hearers, and these hearers were sympathetic. I, in those days, was like the science professor wh found, one night, that his audience consisted of but a single person.

"The amphitheater was very large The audience, a little man, sat high up and far back on the last bench.
""My friend," said the professor,
genially, "why don't you come neargenially, "why don't you come near er? You would hear much better on

"Oh, rats!" said the andience "I didn't come in to listen to you came to get a warm " ...

Teddy in the Jungles

was in darkest Africa "This hunt shall not be in vain!" undered Teddy the strenuous.
"Aye, aye, mighty chief!" chorused

"We shall bag a white rhinoceres and a white elcohant"." "We shall!"

the dusky guides

"And if for any reason we fail t sight a white rhinoceros and a white

with a mighty thrashing of under-growth, Teddy and his band vanished one size only, regular price SO'per bottle.

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Pleasing Prices

Newport News, Va.

Spring in the Park.
They strolled through the park.
Every few seconds he would blissfully
squeeze her hand. And all the loungnurse maids on the benches grinned their broadest. "Clarence," she whispered, red with

cmrence," she whispered, red with blushes, "stop this instant."
"Oh, don't worry, darling," he laughed. "I am only showing my sen-timent."

"Yes, but I don't like that kind of sentiment.

"Why not, dear?" "Because it is 'public sentiment." ON THEIR HONEYMOON.



Cynthia-Stop this instant, Hiram! Don't you see there are a hundred people watching you kiss me up

me Aris

Hiram-What do I care, Cynthia? Ain't this here the observation

As It Appears.

As it Appears.

"A dittle nonsense now and then is relished by the best of men."

So from these lines it would appear. That those who at all nonsense snee And curl the lip, no matter when, Are plainly not the best of men.

Travel Up-to-Date "Travel is awfully expensive, isn

"Oh, I don't know. I saved a

on my last trip."
"How's that?"

"Oh, I collected enough soap towels to furnish my house for two years, and besides, I took my camera along and forgot to take any films. and I've got enough hotel writing pa per for the baby to scrawl on till he's grown up."-Yale Record.

Ordered to Support Wives.

RICHMOND, VA., April 16.-Judge two, began by writing tragedies in Witt spent this morning or the bench German.
"'From tragedies in German" to cases of time men charged with noon come to do it. Somerset?"

of the bustings court, hearing the cases of time men charged with noon support of their wives. Each of the men was ordered to contribute to the support of the complaining wife

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Vessel Was Undergoing Repairs Flames in Lower After Deck-One -Side of Dock Sinks During Fire En-

dangering Firemen's Lives.

(By Associated Press).

NORFOLK, VA., April 16.—The Old Dominion steamer Hampton, which plies between this port and Newport News and Smithfield, was almost totally destroyed by fire tonight while in the Smith & McCoy drydock undergoing repairs. The fire originated on the lower after deck and was for the prost says confined to the most part confined to the

one side of the dock was sunk by opening of the valves, shifting the boat badly to one side and endanger-ing the lives of firemen who were

board of her.

The Hampton was having her huil scraped and painted, boilers overhauled and repairs made to her steering gear. She is valued at about \$100,000 and the damage is covered by insur-

VIRGINIA OVSTERS ARE VINDICATED

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gross pollution worthy of the name The country is not thickly settled, and there is only an occasional county house on the shore.

Bacteriology.

Owing to very unfavorable weather conditions, only one specimen was tak-en from the Nansemond. This did not show the presence of the color In the opinion of the investigator the waters of the Nansemond rive are perfectly safe at the pro time for oyster culture. Elizabeth Diver

The Elizabeth river is in the heart of the most populous part of the Tidewater section of Virginia. Its banks are lined with cities and towns and it sustains a very large com-merce. A large proportion of the oys-ters taken from the Elizabeth is used seed, and only a small amount marketed. The consumption of the marketed product is mostly local,

Pollution.
The pollution of the Elizabeth is It receives the sewage of two large cities, and numerous smaller ones. The tidal currents carry this sewage into the branches and bac teriological examination showed the presence of the colon bacillus in practically every instance

York River. The York is a broad tidal stream stretching for about forty miles from the Chesapeake to the junction Pamunkey and Mattapony riv ets. Its bread reach adapted to ovster culture, and most of the area is so used.

The pollution of the York is incor The pollution of the York is incomziderable in amount. The town of
west Point, with a population of
about 1,500, furnishes the only point
of pollution of any size. This is not
to please with the property including if yet were proabout 1,500, furnishes the only point
of pollution of any size. This is not
to please with the property of the proper red, and the dilution in the riv er is enormous. Other than this, ther

is no discoverable gross pollution of the river. A few farm housese at long intervals, and one or two vil-lages of small size constitute the population of the banks.

We are of common that oysters

from York river are of good sanitary quality.
The Rappahannock River.

The Rappahannock similar in its general features to the York, constitutes a very important oyster and the wat. The river is very wide and the wat

ers of crystal clearners, and the con-

There is no considerable sollution of the Rappahannock. The only city of any size on the river is locate many miles above the highest oyste many miles above the highest syste beds, and lower down there are only a few manil towns. Bacteriologically the results are exceedingly invorable Of the specimens: examined country rom seventeen localities along th river, none showed the presence of the colon bacillus. We are of opinon that oysters from the Ra nock are of the good sanitary quality. We are of opinion that system from the Potomac are of good se

junity, Mobject Bay, Ware River, Severn Riv br, North River and East River.

As these constitutes practically en muous sheet of water, they are to timous sheet of water, they are tale en together. As seen from tospection the Mobjach and its tributary rivers is one of the most heastiful sheets of water in the of water in the bay territory. The water, are wide and of crystal clear ness and form an ideal ov

There is no gross pollution of these waters, as there is no town of any

were negative.

condemned are small and constitute. ally a so all percentage of the oyster grounds of the State. Steps have alendy been taken to prevent the sale sale was rot be permitted in the fure under any circumstances

Rrow the sanitary stancpoint, the occases in use in the packing houses fairly satisfactory. No process bas yet been devised for cleaning the shells before shucking. The oysters' shell is rough, and cleaning is not an easy matter. Could some method be devised for the cleaning, the subsequent washing in water might be dis nsed with, and the ofster shipped in its natural liquid, adding much the flavor of the product.

Honesty Rewarded. After dinner the restauran

proceeded to tip the waiter. "Beg pardon, sir," said the waiter ng the colp, "but this quarter

is counterfeit. "Is that so?" exclaimed the other "Oh, well, keep it for your honesty.

Truly Literary.
Jinks—Harkins doesn't strike me as literary. Yet he declares that he never feels so comfortable as when he is snugly settled in his library.

Binks—Oh, that's not surprising His bookcase is a folding bed.— Harper's Weekly.

Reporter—What do you mean by saying that I use "paradoxical expres-

Editor-I mean that you say impo sible things. This story of yours, for instance, contains the phrase "bagpipe

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Customer-You can't do that. Artist-Why can't I? Customer-Recause she's dumb

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show you that you got your me

Mamma—I gave you a nickel yes-terday to be good, and to-day you are just as bad as you can be.

Bobby—P know, but I'm trying to

Tokojama-No, honorable sir, ou Japanese tongue contains no words. Thompson-Gee! Can't you even

think swear thoughts? Naturally So. called the biggest bluff?" "I think it was the man who named

Chrelter."

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This terrible calamity often hap ease. A few private homes on the banks furnish only a small amount of poliuting material, lost in the large volume of water in nores the river's warning-growing the rivers and bay.

The area is without doubt perfect. Warning-growing the rivers and bay.

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Summary of Results.

For the most part, it may be said that the waters at present used for the cyster culture are perfectly safe from the sanitary standpoint. The streams condemned are small and constitute.

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This terrible calamity often hapens because a careless boatman ignores the river's warning

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